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1. AFTER ALMOST TEN MONTHS OF HESITATION AND DELAY BRIGADIER GENERAL SOEKOTJO FINALLY FORMALLY REPLACED AS MAYOR OF SURABAYA IN CEREMONY ON JANUARY 23. SOEKOTJO ALREADY HAD MOVED TO RATHER LUXURIOUS NEWLY REBUILT HOUSE AND TOLD CONOFF HE PLANS TO REMAIN IN SURABAYA DESPITE GOOD JOB OFFER FROM JAKARTA.

2. IN FAREWELL SPEECH SOEKOTJO REMARKED THAT HE HAD NOT PASSED ON TO HIS SUCCESSOR REAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO MUCH AS PLANS TO BE FULFILLED

WHICH IS FAIR EVALUATION HIS EIGHT YEARS AS MAYOR AND ACTING MAYOR OF THIS CITY. BY INDONESIAN STANDARDS SOEKOTJO HAS DONE REASONABLY GOOD JOB AND HAS AS CLAIMED DEVELOPED WHAT APPEARS TO BE PRACTICAL MASTER PLAN FOR HIS SUCCESSOR. SOEKOTJO OBVIOUSLY HAS COME OUT OF OFFICE COMFORTABLY WELL OFF, BUT SO FAR AS WE KNOW WAS NOT INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION ON GRAND SCALE.

3. NEW MAYOR COLONEL SOEPARNO IS PERSONABLE SEEMINGLY INTELLIGENT AND REPUTEDLY CAPABLE MAN. IT IS CLEAR TO ALL THAT HE WAS CHOICE OF GENERAL SUMITRO AND PRESUMABLY WILL DO NOTHING TO WEAKEN

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LATTERS REPUTED POWER BASE IN EAST JAVA. (AMONG THOSE WHO IDENTIFIED

SOEPARNO AS SUMITRO MAN WAS MAYOR SOEKOTJO IN CONVERSATION WITH
CONOFF.)

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